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Trying to Stay Sane While Raising Your Teen: A Primer for Parents

Your children are not your children.

They are sons and daughters of Life's longing for itself.

They come through you but not from you.

And though they are with you yet they belong not to you.

You may give them your love but not your thoughts,

for they have their own thoughts.

You may house their bodies but not their souls,
for their souls dwell in the house of tomorrow,
which you cannot visit, not even in your dreams.

You may strive to be like them,
but seek not to make them like you.

The Prophet, Khalil Gibran

All grown-ups were children first. (But few remember it.)

The Little Prince,
Antoine de Saint-Exupery

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Foreword

by Reverend Dr. Jeremiah A. Wright, Jr.

Pastor Emeritus, Trinity United Church of Christ

C. Lynn Williams has written an exceptionally helpful book for mothers who are trying to raise their sons in the rapidly changing culture of the 21st century. Fathers of boys will also be helped by C. Lynn Williams' book, but her book is written specifically for and addressed to mothers who are engaged in this awesome task. I read her book with great interest and forty-four years of experience as an ordained minister. In my pastoral work (both as an Assistant Pastor and as a Senior Pastor), I have spent countless hours counseling young boys, talking to parents of young boys and working with mothers who were trying to negotiate the rocky terrain of raising their sons from boyhood to manhood.

I came to C. Lynn Williams' text with a strong academic background in the field she has chosen for this, her second book. I had read her first book, *Trying to Stay Sane While Raising Your Teen*, and I was anxious to see what she could add to that exciting and helpful guidebook.

The academic background that I brought to the reading of this text started with Dr. Na'im Akbar's, *Visions for Black Men* (1991). Dr. Akbar was one of the founding members of the Association of Black Psychologists. Dr. Akbar wrote about the three stages that all males go through on this journey from boyhood to manhood - - the male stage, the boy stage and the man stage. Dr. Akbar's insights are invaluable. Ms. Williams echoes some of what Akbar's findings show. Dr. Akbar did not write and he does not speak, however, as a Black mother who has raised two African-American boys in the 20th and 21st centuries!

One of the former members of our church, Dr. Jawanzaa Kunjufu published a four-volume guidebook back in the 1990's (1995) and his work, *Countering the Conspiracy to Destroy Black Boys*, offers some important tips about the educational process both within and beyond the boundaries of the academic school systems of America. Dr. Kunjufu, however, does not write as a Black woman who has nurtured Black boys both in her classrooms and in her home!

In 1993, one of my colleagues in ministry, the Reverend Dr. T. Garrott Benjamin, (Pastor of the Light of the World Christian Church in Indianapolis) wrote a book about this same topic. His book, *Boys to Men: A Handbook for Survival*, is written from the vantage point of a Pastor who is serving and has served an urban Black congregation for over four decades.

Dr. Benjamin offers insights that help parents to understand the dynamics involved in a gang culture, a drug culture, a culture of "nihilism," to use Dr. Cornel West's term. Rev. T. Garrott Benjamin, however, does not write as a mother. He is a parent. He has done an awesome job in raising his children as a Black father living in the home with his "Manchild in the Promised Land." He cannot offer the insights, however, that Ms. Williams offers in her work because he is not a

Black mother!

My classmate at Virginia Union University, Dr. Anderson J. Franklin has written an important guidebook for parents who are seeking to raise Black boys in the 21st century. Published in 2004, Dr. Franklin's book, *From Brotherhood to Manhood: How Black Men Rescue Their Relationships and Dreams from the Invisibility Syndrome*, gives a psychologist's point of view and perspective for parents who have to teach their young African-American off-spring core values in a society that is saturated and is also suffocating from racism! Dr. Franklin is also a Founding Member of the Association of Black Psychologists. He is not a Black mother, however!

C. Lynn writes from the vantage point of a Black woman. C. Lynn writes as a Black mother who has successfully created healthy relationships with her sons and she offers her insights, her advice and her observations from the vantage point of a mother who has "walked the walk."

Ms. Williams offers helpful guidelines for avoiding the pitfalls of modernity while establishing core values, spiritual values and a healthy context of love and support for all mothers who take seriously the important task that God has given them in giving them a "manchild" to raise in today's world.

I am sure you will be blessed by the insights she offers.

Preface

Spirit tells me that children are a gift from the Lord, a reward from him. I truly believe that, and I know that what you put into your relationship with your children, you receive it back in amazing ways. Have you ever bought your child a gift to show them that you love them? Buying your kids everything they want or giving them everything on their wish list is definitely not what I am telling you to do, but what I am suggesting is that you give them a more intangible gift: your time. Tell them about your experiences growing up (the ones you are proud of as well as those that you would like to forget). Do things with your kids that they enjoy. Can you rollerblade or skateboard? How about going bowling or playing a game of basketball or jump rope? Attend their events, and be present with your children. Being present does not mean that while you are with them you can talk on your cell phone or continuously text other people. You might as well be absent. Kids know when you are spending time with them or just giving them lip service.

Also, don't be surprised if your child acts disinterested and tells you how 'ole skool' you are when you tell them you want to spend time with them. We used to tell my mother, 'No other kids have to have cultural night. Why do we?' Cultural night was a night during the week that my mother would play songs on the piano and we would all sing together. Most of the songs we did not know because we had never heard them before. However, it wasn't long before we looked forward to cultural night. It was corny, but it gave us time together as a family. A lot of whether something is right or wrong is based on whether your child's peers approve of it or not. That peer pressure is especially important if you are not giving your child family traditions and experiences that are both fun and will teach them right from wrong. In the long run, build a lifelong foundation of love and support that your child will have to draw upon and remember forever. I believe external factors like gangs and pimps are able to prey on our children more if we are NOT giving them the love and attention at home that they are starving for.

Today there are so many distractions and complexities to "growing up". Technology alone has accelerated the pace in which we are living our lives. The social networks and the ability to communicate with anyone who has access to the Internet, means our children don't stay young and innocent very long. So while your child is young and impressionable, take time to create memorable experiences. Develop a lifelong relationship with your son or daughter. Become your son's hero. Meditate on and with him or her, so that they are aware of a higher powerful divinity; and are spiritual warriors for their own friends.

Most of all, operate with integrity because it is not what you say that impacts your child, it's what you do and your behaviors that they model. You can't tell your son not to smoke marijuana, and then come home high. Children see that. Model the behavior you want to see in them. Will you make mistakes? Yes, of course you will; we all make mistakes. It's what you do after you've made the mistake that matters. Operate with honor and integrity!

Introduction

As I was finishing my first book, *Trying to Stay Sane While Raising Your Teen*, available on Amazon.com, I started feeling that the rest of the story had not been told. I meditated about it for a couple of weeks, and realized that I had a message for mothers who had birthed, raised, worried about, or cared for sons. I know that I wasn't the only one who wanted a wonderful relationship with my sons. Mothers everywhere want the same thing too, and while I don't profess to know everything there is to know about parenting boys into men, I have a lot of experience to share with you.

If you are a single mother, teen mother, stepmother, grandmother, adoptive mother, kinship caregiver, foster mother, legal guardian or woman who has mothered boys without ever having

had the title of mom, there is hope for you. As mothers, we are used to giving everything we have to our children and when the relationship is strong and wonderful, there is nothing like it, life is great! However, when we don't see eye to eye or, our sons get into trouble constantly or, they don't listen to our advice or they simply ignore us, it hurts our hearts. I know mine does. The title, "The Pampered Prince" is in honor of our sons who are like princes to us. We pamper them, love them and worry about them and while they make our hearts proud, sometimes they act like spoiled brats. We love them in spite of their faults, and this book offers stories and practical tips to help you build a more rewarding and wonderful relationship with your son.

Chapter One

My Son, My Heart

I wonder what happens when mothers realize that their baby being born is a boy. Does it differ a lot from having a girl? How is a boy celebrated? I know that men pass out cigars, and sometimes name their sons after their fathers. But what happens to mothers after their sons are born? When my son was born, he was a lot different than his sister. For one thing, he was calmer and didn't cry a lot. Girls come into the world with a lot to say, and start telling you how they feel as soon as they are born!

My son seemed content with his surroundings and watched everything that went on around him. I don't know if I fell in love with his calmness or maybe I was more experienced as a mother, so our experience together was more enjoyable. *

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Want to reignite, reestablish or begin to create a great relationship with your son? The

Pampered Prince is for you! Inside are practical tips and explanations to the issues that mothers often face with their sons as they grow from boys into men. It is designed to be inspirational, encouraging, endearing, heartfelt and comforting to mothers the world over. If you are a mother, stepmother, foster mom, grandmother, kinship caregiver, teacher, guidance counselor or minister, this book is for you!

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